

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the instant application, and all of the pending claims are allowed. However, claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 13-19, 22 and 23 are objected to. As a preliminary matter, Applicants add new claims 24-34 reciting some ranges found in the claims prior to the instant amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1-34 will be pending.

Objection to the Claims

The Examiner objects to claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 13-19, 22 and 23 because of numerous informalities. There are only “objections” and no “rejections” of the claims. Therefore, claims 1-23 will issue as a United States patent after correction of the formality issues noted by the Examiner as follows:

1. Applicants must remove the “preferable” recitations in each of the claims;
2. Applicants must delete one reference to claim 1 from claim 2;
3. Claim 16 must depend from claim 1 *or* claim 11, not both claim 1 and claim 11;
4. In claims 5, 8, 13, 19 and 22 the recitation “selected among” or “selected between” must be changed to “selected from the group consisting of”; and
5. Missing parentheses and a period must be supplied in claims 18 and 23.

Applicants herein change the claim language to remove all of the offending language so that the claims read in accordance with traditional United States practice. No issue of new matter arises by way of these changes since they are merely formal in nature. New claims are added reciting the “preferable” ranges of claims 1, 2 and 11. One of skill in the art will readily appreciate that no new matter arises by way of this change as the subject matter is merely placed into a different form and moved into a new claim. One reference to claim 1 is deleted in claim 2. Claim 16 is made to depend from only claim 11. The preferred Markush language is introduced in each instance as suggested in claims 5, 8, 13, 19 and 22. In addition, Applicants clarify that mixtures

of the recited elements are intended so this recitation is expressly entered. Missing parentheses and periods are provided for claims 18 and 23.

Fees

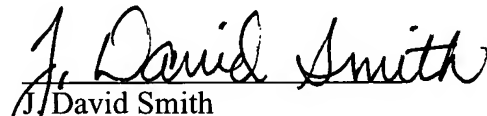
Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$550.00 for additional fees resulting from additional new claims. No other fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant Response. However, should this understanding be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks into the file history of the instant Application. The Claims as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of all of the outstanding objections is therefore believed in order. Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited. Should a discussion be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (201) 487-5800.

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